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Applicant: Kassim Juma
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Title: FILTER DEVICE FOR MOLTEN STEEL FILTRATION
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Examiner: Benjamin M. Kurtz
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References EP 0 159 963 and WO 02/03339 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to co-pending U.S. Application Nos. 10/485,746; 10/516,443; and 12/065,878.

The references were cited in the co-pending U.S. Applications and/or by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the related co-pending U.S. Applications.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a
(10) References

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